

**RIFA Environmental Monitoring Field Notes
Environmental Hazards Assessment Program
Environmental Monitoring and Pest Management Branch
Department of Pesticide Regulation
830 K Street, Sacramento, CA 95814**

Trip Date: February 2, 2000

CDFA and CAC RIFA project meeting attendees:

Mohammad Azhar, Brian Cahill, Basil Ibewiro, David Quimayousie,
Mamadou War, and Marshall Anderson, CDFA Exclusion
Mohammed Zubaidy, Joan Scheiman and Aurelio Posadas, CDFA PDEP
Marilyn Chenault, CDFA-Public Affairs
John Ellis and Nick Nisson, Orange CAC staff
Dennis Vinopal, Dan Papilli and Richard Ilzuka, LA CAC staff
Don Schreiber, San Bernardino CAC staff
Min-Lee Cheng, Coachella Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District (CVMVCD)
Ken Theisen, Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana (RWQCB)
Les Greenberg, UCR
Dave Kim, DPR-EM/PM

Meeting Highlights:

- a) Pest Exclusion, Palm Desert: 36 golf courses in quarantine area, 14 have been surveyed, 7 are positive for RIFA. No new RIFA detections in nurseries. One dispute over soil sampling detection limit for RIFA insecticides. Putting tags in windshields of lawn maintenance / landscapers who have signed compliance agreements.
- b) Pest Exclusion, Costa Mesa: Lawn maintenance/landscapers compliance agreements include outlines on procedures, record keeping, green waste disposal and RIFA detection. Working on getting Beekeepers in compliance, including inspection of colonies before movement to Central Valley. Soil movers, trying to do inspections before excavation, if positive, treat with Amdro then Talstar if needed.
- c) PDEP: RIFA contracts have been sent to counties, most have been returned. Orange Co. (OCVC) and Coachella Valley Vector Controls are both in the process of hiring RIFA staff. Costa Mesa PDEP will be hiring an APCS and 6-7 seasonal staff. OCVC will be temporarily moving in to Costa Mesa office, then (tentative) whole office (Exclusion, PDEP and OCVC) will move to office space at El Toro. An advertising agency is being contracted, it will coordinate with counties for outreach.
- d) Public Affairs: Outreach event at So. El Monte High School was very successful, >2000 in attendance. Will have presentation at Date Festival in Indio (2/18-2/27).
- e) Orange Co.: New RIFA detection at nursery in Irvine. Most likely from landscaped bike trail adjacent to nursery.

- f) LA Co.: New RIFA detection in Cerritos school and park, will increase survey area. New RIFA detection in Van Nuys, first detection in this area, no RIFA found in adjacent properties. No new RIFA detections in Arcadia, Azusa, or Walnut. Cities of La Habra and La Mirada helping with a lot of the detection work.
- g) San Bernardino Co.: No new RIFA detections.
- h) UCR: Workshop at extension field station has been postponed, will set new date in late March early April.
- i) New Attendees: Ken Theisen, RWQCB and Min-Lee Cheng, CVMVCD were introduced.
- j) DPR-EM/PM: Finally got rain, did runoff sampling on 1-25. Will have September and December memos finalized shortly.

Next meeting is scheduled for February 23, 2000.

2-2 PM meet with Ken Theisen, RWQCB. Discussed RIFA surface water monitoring.

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